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MEETING IN LAGOS

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1. FRIDAY, APRIL 25, PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY RECEIVED
NIGERIAN COLONEL DEN SOULEYMANE, WHO DELIVERED SPECIAL
MESSAGE FROM NIGERIAN PRESIDENT GOWON. DURING COURSE
OF APRIL 26 TALK TO NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE STUDENTS, HOUPHOUET-
BOIGNY SAID THAT GOIC-GON RELATIONS WERE EXCELLENT AND
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THAT HE HAD TOLD GOWON'S SPECIAL ENVOY THAT HE WOULD ATTEND

MEETING IN LAGOS MAY 26-28 TO DISCUSS ECOWAS.

2. COMMENT: AS NOTED IN REFTEL, UPON RETURN FROM RECENT
CEAO CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING IN NIAMEY, PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-
BOIGNY CAUTIOUSLY ENDORSED MOVE TO ENLARGE CEAO. ATTENDANCE
BY HOUPHOUET AT LAGOS MEETING IS INDICATION AT LEAST OF
HIS WILLINGNESS TO "DIALOGUE" REGARDING AN EXPANDED WEST
AFRICAN ECONOMIC GROUPING. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO
NOTE HOW MANY CHIEFS OF STATE ULTIMATELY ACCEPT GOWON'S
INVITATION AND THE DEGREE OF SUPPORT THEY GIVE TO HIS
INITIATIVE.
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